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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know whether the Government of Andhra are repaying the compliment by trying to help maintain or continue Tamil institutions in the Andhra State? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is the assurance which the Chief Minister of Andhra has given me."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that in spite of the assurances given by the Chief Minister of the Andhra State, in spite of the public statement given and in spite of the assurance given on the floor of the Assembly, all the Tamil institutions in Chittoor district—to quote one instance, the Teachers' Training College in Prodattoorpet—have been definitely closed and the authorities refuse to entertain any petition to revise their decision? If so, will the Hon. Minister of Madras State take steps to convince the Andhra Government to reopen the institution? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member's question with reference to Prodattoorpet institution is quite relevant. I am not aware of any other institution being closed or refusal being given for being opened. As far as this question is concerned, I am told that it is with reference to the personal conduct of the Manager concerned that the recognition has been refused. I have gone through the file and I am satisfied that the refusal was not unjustifiable."

Alleged wrongful dismissal of certain workers in the Wimco Company, Dharmadam.

* 1868 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Wimco Company of Dharmadam, Muzhappilangad, North Malabar, dismissed five workers from the factory on 12th July 1954 when adjudication proceedings were pending before the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, between the workers and the management; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Four of the five workers appealed to the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, under section 33-A of the Industrial Disputes Act. But the Industrial Tribunal has dismissed these applications as being devoid of merit. Hence no action was considered necessary."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" When there is a case pending before a court, is it correct on the part of the management to dismiss workers without taking permission from the court? Section 33 of the Industrial Disputes Act says that permission is quite necessary for this. Then, not only in this factory but in most of the factories in the State the managements are dismissing the

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workers, violating the provisions of the Act. On this ground, will the Government be pleased to give a general directive to the managements that they should not dismiss workers when there is a case pending before the court?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Whatever might have been the merits of this case, this was referred to the Industrial Tribunal and the Industrial Tribunal dismissed this petition as having no merits. Therefore, there is no question of issuing general instructions on account of this case."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Slums in the City.

236 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of private slums in the City of Madras the dwellers of which have applied to the Government for acquisition and assignment of house-sites to them;

(*b*) the situation and names of the slums;

(*c*) the action taken by the Government on each case; and

(*d*) whether any special officer has been appointed to carry out the provisions of the Madras Slum Improvement Act of 1954?

A.—(*a*) Slum dwellers of twenty-eight slums have applied.

(*b*) The following are the names of the 28 slums :—

1 Anjaneyar Koil Hutting Area.
2 Mohanamudaly Garden.
3 Vazhapucheri.
4 Good Pot Pallam.
5 Salai Cheri.
6 Hutting area in Strahans Road Third Lane.
7 Thennamattai Thottam.
8 Parasuramar Easwaran Koil Hutting Ground.
9 Lock Cheri.
10 Thennanthoppoo Hutting Ground.
11 Obbrapalayam, Brick Kiln Road.
12 Mangalapuri Fourth Street Hutting Ground.
13 Subramania Thottam Hutting Ground.
14 Teads Garden Hutting Ground.
15 Kanniah Chetty Hutting Ground.
16 Foxen Street Hutting Ground.
17 Franswa Square.
18 Ponnuvelu Gramani Thottam.
19 Chinna Chembarambakkam.
20 Ramaswami Garden.
21 Mackays Garden.
22 Halls Garden.
23 Rangoon Street.